(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Bilateral relations between India and Iraq are at present circumscribed in particular in the economic field owing to our commitment to the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions on sanctions.

[*English*]

Shortage of Butter and Vegetable Oil

4549. DR. SHRIMATI PADMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is continued shortage of butter and vegetable oils in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage of these products;

(c) whether the Government propose to revamp the nodal agencies involved in improving the productivity of these two products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). In the co-operative sector, there has been a shortfall of about 3470 MT in the production of table butter during the period April, 91 to October, 91 due to lower milk procurement and higher sale of liquid milk. The gap between demand and availability of edible oils from indigenous sources is estimated at around 7 lakh MT.

(c) to (e). The Government do not see any reason for revamping the concerned agencies.

[*Translation*]

Allocation of Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh

4550. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more Kerosene to Madhya Pradesh from January, 1991 onwards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Allocation of Kerosene is being made to the States/UTs on historical basis subject to availability of the product. At present there is no proposal for enhancement of SKO allocation to any State.

[*English*]

Development Projects In G-15 Countries

4551. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G-15 countries have agreed in principle to approve six development projects to promote South-South Cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of these projects were proposed by India;